

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Executive Office of Environmental Affairs ■ MEPA Office

**ENF Environmental Notification Form**

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<i>Executive Office of Environmental Affairs</i>	
EOEA No.:	<u>13980</u>
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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Route 20 Wetland Restoration		
Street: 115 Southwest Cutoff (Route 20) and Grafton Street		
Municipality: Worcester	Watershed: Blackstone	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 42° 14' 3.10" Longitude: 71° 44' 55.70"	
Estimated commencement date: 4/1/08	Estimated completion date: 5/1/08	
Approximate cost: \$100,000.00	Status of project design: 95%complete	
Proponent: ANCONA Realty		
Street: 123 Southwest Cutoff		
Municipality: Worcester	State: MA	Zip Code: 01604-2709
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Dennis Lowry		
Firm/Agency: ENSR	Street: 11 Phelp's Way	
Municipality: Willington	State: CT	Zip Code: 06279-0506
Phone: (860) 429-5323	Fax: (860) 429-5378	E-mail:

Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?  
 Yes  No

Has this project been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_)  No

Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_)  No

Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:  
 a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8))  Yes  No  
 a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09)  Yes  No  
 a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes  No  
 a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes  No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): None

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?  
 Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: \_\_\_\_\_

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

- |                                 |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air          | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC   | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations  | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources       |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
<b>LAND</b>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval  <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	25.7			
New acres of land altered		0		
Acres of impervious area	2.16	0	2.16	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		*		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
<b>STRUCTURES</b>				
Gross square footage	33,600 +/-	0	33,600 +/-	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	+/- 20'	0	+/- 20'	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Vehicle trips per day	<100	0	<100	
Parking spaces	<100	0	<100	
<b>WASTEWATER</b>				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	<10,000	0	<10,000	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	<10,000	0	<10,000	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0	0	

**\* Changed area consists of 44,000 SF of wetland restored in-place, and 27,6000 SF of new wetland to replicate 21,6000 SF of previously filled wetland.**

**CONSERVATION LAND:** Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

**RARE SPECIES:** Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

**HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:** Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

**AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN:** Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

Ancona Realty LLC ("Ancona") owns land in Worcester, Massachusetts known as 115 Southeast Cutoff at Grafton Street (the "Property"). The site is and has historically been used for industrial uses including a contractor's yard. Dating back to at least the 1960s and apparently through the early 1990s, peat excavation and/or other activities had been performed in and around wetland areas at the Property. State and local permitting documents relating to this work were located covering the period from the early 1970s through the early 1990s.

On May 7, 2004, after a field visit and Department review, the Department of Environmental Protection issued a Certificate of Compliance to Ancona resolving any state historic wetland permitting issues for the property. Thereafter, the Worcester Conservation Commission considered the matter under the local wetlands bylaw and on July 12, 2004, the Worcester Conservation Commission joined in the Certificate of Compliance issued by the Department. A copy of the Certificate of Compliance and related correspondence are enclosed herein.

After meeting with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and later the Army Corps of Engineers relative to federal wetlands jurisdiction, it was suggested that an after-the-fact permit authorizing historic wetlands-related activities at the Property be sought. Accordingly, Ancona filed a Category II Programmatic General Permit application to provide for mitigation and restoration of on-site wetlands on October 10, 2006, with the Army Corps issuing the permit on November 30, 2006 (copy attached).

The proposed project consists solely of construction of a 72,000 sf wetland area, partially in the 100-ft wetlands buffer zone. No filling, dredging, or disturbance of existing wetlands is proposed. The mitigation area will include the in-place restoration of 44,400 sf of previously filled wetlands, and an additional 27,600 sf of wetland area will be created to compensate for an additional 21,600 sf of past wetland filling. The Wetland Mitigation Plan is provided as part of this application and details

the proposed grading, hydrology, soils, plantings, and monitoring that will be implemented as part of the proposed mitigation.

The mitigation plan was developed in concert with the Corps' review and considered various alternatives to the current proposal in terms of layout and planting cover types. The current plan was viewed as the preferred option relative to constructability and compatibility with existing and historic site conditions.

**LAND SECTION – all proponents must fill out this section**

**I. Thresholds / Permits**

A. Does the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to land (see 301 CMR 11.03(1))  
 Yes  No; if yes, specify each threshold:

**II. Impacts and Permits**

A. Describe, in acres, the current and proposed character of the project site, as follows:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Footprint of buildings	<u>.77</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.77</u>
Roadways, parking, and other paved areas	<u>2.16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2.16</u>
Other altered areas (describe)	<u>16.56</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16.56</u>
Undeveloped areas	<u>6.18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6.18</u>

B. Has any part of the project site been in active agricultural use in the last three years?  
 Yes  No; if yes, how many acres of land in agricultural use (with agricultural soils) will be converted to nonagricultural use?

C. Is any part of the project site currently or proposed to be in active forestry use?  
 Yes  No; if yes, please describe current and proposed forestry activities and indicate whether any part of the site is the subject of a DEM-approved forest management plan:

D. Does any part of the project involve conversion of land held for natural resources purposes in accordance with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?  Yes  No; if yes, describe:

E. Is any part of the project site currently subject to a conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction or watershed preservation restriction?  Yes  No; if yes, does the project involve the release or modification of such restriction?  Yes  No; if yes, describe:

F. Does the project require approval of a new urban redevelopment project or a fundamental change in an existing urban redevelopment project under M.G.L.c.121A?  Yes  No; if yes, describe:

G. Does the project require approval of a new urban renewal plan or a major modification of an existing urban renewal plan under M.G.L.c.121B? Yes  No  ; if yes, describe:

H. Describe the project's stormwater impacts and, if applicable, measures that the project will take to comply with the standards found in DEP's Stormwater Management Policy:

**As the only improvements contemplated are replication and restoration of historically filled wetlands, the project will have beneficial stormwater impacts.**

I. Is the project site currently being regulated under M.G.L.c.21E or the Massachusetts Contingency Plan? Yes  No  ; if yes, what is the Release Tracking Number (RTN)?

J. If the project is site is within the Chicopee or Nashua watershed, is it within the Quabbin, Ware, or Wachusett subwatershed?  Yes  No; if yes, is the project site subject to regulation under the Watershed Protection Act?  Yes  No